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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE INTOURIST IN NEW YORK

REF: (A) MOSCOW 17510 (B) STATE 286600

1. EUR/SOV HAS CONFIRMED WITH PRESENT "INTOURIST" LANDLORD THAT SOVIETS HAVE NO OPTION TO EXTEND LEASE BEYOND EXPIRATION IN APRIL 1978 AND WOULD FACE EVICTION AT THAT TIME. OF TWO ALTERNATIVE PREMISES LISTED IN SOVIET EMBASSY NOTE OF NOVEMBER 22 (REF B), ONLY OFFICES AT 15 EAST 51 STREET ARE STILL AVAILABLE. "INTOURIST", THEREFORE, HOPES TO FINALIZE LEASE IN JANUARY, 1978.

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2. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THERE WOULD BE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO GRANT "INTOURIST" REQUEST, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO DELAYING APPROVAL AT THIS STAGE IN EFFORT TO ASSIST AMERICAN EXPRESS. EUR/SOV, THEREFORE, INFORMED "INTOURIST" GENERAL MANAGER VITALIY KRYAZHEV ON DECEMBER 6 THAT, WHILE DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN ON

APPLICATION FOR NEW OFFICES, WE WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY POSITIVE SOVIET ACTION ON PENDING REQUEST BY AMERICAN EXPRESS. EUR/SOV ALSO CONVEYED FOLLOWING INTERIM NOTE TO SOVIET EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 8: BEGIN TEXT. THE DEPART-

MENT OF STATE, REFERRING TO NOTE 74 DATED NOVEMBER 22, 1977 OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, WISHES TO ADVISE THAT THE APPLICATION OF "INTOURIST" TO LEASE NEW PREMISES IN NEW YORK CITY IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

WHILE THE "INTOURIST" REQUEST WILL BE REVIEWED ON ITS OWN MERITS, THE DEPARTMENT DRAWS THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO THE LONGSTANDING APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATE OFFICE SPACE IN MOSCOW FOR THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY. THE PRESENT OFFICES OF AMERICAN EXPRESS ARE LOCATED IN A REAR CORNER OF THE METROPOLE HOTEL AND ARE VIRTUALLY INACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD, THEREFORE, EXPECT THAT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS APPLICATION FOR IMMEDIATE RELOCATION OF ITS MOSCOW OFFICES WILL RECEIVE EARLY AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO MAKE PARALLEL APPROACH IN MOSCOW, BEARING IN MIND, OF COURSE, THAT WE BELIEVE WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT EVENTUALLY TO APPROVE "INTOURIST" MOVE.

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